

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Service Rules for the 698-746, 747-762)	WT Docket No. 06-150
and 777-792 MHz Bands)	
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Revision of the Commission's Rules to)	CC Docket No. 94-102
Ensure)	
Compatibility with Enhanced 911)	
Emergency)	
Calling Systems)	WT Docket No. 01-309
)	
Section 68.4(a) of the Commission's)	
Rules)	WT Docket No. 03-264
Governing Hearing Aid-Compatible)	
Telephones)	
)	
Biennial Regulatory Review –)	
Amendment of Parts 1, 22, 24, 27, and)	WT Docket No. 06-169
90 to Streamline and Harmonize)	
Various Rules Affecting Wireless Radio)	
Services)	
)	
Former Nextel)	PS Docket No. 06-229
Communications, Inc. Upper)	
700 MHz Guard Band Licenses)	
and Revisions to Part 27 of the)	
Commission's Rules)	WT Docket No. 96-86
)	
Implementing a Nationwide,)	
Broadband, Interoperable)	
Public Safety Network in the)	
700 MHz Band)	
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Development of Operational, Technical)	
and Spectrum Requirements for)	
Meeting Federal, State and Local Public)	
Safety Communications Requirements)	
Through the Year 2010)	

COMMENTS OF
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT #1 OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY

The PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT #1 OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY hereby submits these reply comments in response to the Commission's *Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* in the above-captioned proceedings.

The District has found that commercial carriers within the Puget Sound area have never been able to serve the telecommunications needs of a public utility. No carrier or privately owned company has the resources to keep wireless telecommunications fully functional during extended power outages due to natural disasters or major storm events.

The District has a robust mobile data system that has the functionality of providing service during days and weeks of power outages. We would be able to use the wideband 700 MHz band to continue this service in the future as greater data capacity becomes a requirement. We are presently working towards adding wide band channels to our system, but as a regulated agency, it takes time for us to design, budget and fund this work. We will request licenses when we are ready to build, not when we first start planning.

The District is active in regional solutions that address rural areas that our service is required. PLEASE give us the time it takes a public entity to build such infrastructure.

We urge the Commission to KEEP the current channels available for public service and to DISMISS this FNPRM.

Respectfully submitted,

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